

Survival Guide & Tools!

- Find a partner in crime
- Build a positive relationship with your Administrator & Staff
- Build a relationship with your feeder high school(s) and elementary schools
- Use REMIND.com & Instagram
- Develop relationships with vendors who will go above & beyond to help.
- Beg, Borrow & Steal ideas that might work at your site. (Smart people borrow...genius's steal)
- Work with Advisors w/in & w/o of your District
- LEADERSHIP HANDBOOK for every ASB member

IDEAS

- 100% Club
- Awesome Attendance (semester)
- Find the Mascot
- Mascot Crazy
- Color Wars
- Use double-sided red tickets to handout to all students who participate
- Have a drawing for staff members too who participate (they love free oil changes, Starbucks & massages)
- Grade Level Student of the Month
- Principal's PRIDE Lunches
- Kindness Calendars
- Mascot on Tour
- Create a tournament based on what's in (i.e. Kendama)
- Student & Staff Birthday recognition
- Decorate the Staff lounge
- Reach out to Special Needs classes (Reading Buddies or Buddy Activity)
- Every Wednesday is CLUB Day
- Every Friday is Spirit Day
- Staff Good News
- Advertise on website, video announcements, Instagram.
- Use Team-Building Activities
- Just because... student recognition

Surviving Middle School Madness



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Starting the School Year off with a Bang!

- Pre-registration mini-retreat/work day.
- Staff Buy-in during 1st Staff Meeting. (Include them in competitions & Prizes)
- ASB students greet new students at gates in hallways all over campus... "Welcome to.... We're glad you're here!"
- Spirit Packs Sales
- Welcome Party/Dance for 6th graders
- Every Friday Spirit Day
- Fall Fund-raiser (COLOR RUN)
- Last Friday of the month is a DRESS-UP Spirit Day
- Donations Drive
- Leadership Conferences
- Elementary Leadership Conferences (feeder schools)
- Because Nice Matters Week
- Red Ribbon Week
- Feeder High School Homecoming Spirit Day

Getting Over the Mid-Year Slump

- Food Drive – The Hunger Games
- Frozen Turkey Bowling
- National Donut Day
- Holiday Spirit Week – Dress-up day every day of the week. Pick a theme. End the week with a fun event (Reindeer Races, Gift Wrap a Teacher)
- Spirit Week – (Star Wars, Disney, etc)
- Color Wars
- Talent Show (completely student run)
- Super Bowl Friday – Wear your favorite jersey and have a field goal kicking competition at lunch
- February – Month of Kindness Calendar
- Valentine's Day – Red Day
- LEAP DAY – Green Day
- Dodgeball Tournament
- Counselor Appreciation Week

Ending the Year on Top

- 6th Grade Orientation for incoming 6th graders
- Smarty Pants Day – to kick off State Testing (hand out smarties to all students)
- The Great Middle School Food Fight
- Teacher Appreciation Week
- Administrative & Principal Appreciation Day
- Grade Level end-of-the-year activities
- Select new members of your ASB
- Arrange for outgoing ASB members to run mini-retreat in August
- Invite new incoming 6th grade ASB members for a mini-orientation
- Send Leadership Handbook off to be printed and bound
- Order supplies for Spirit Packs & ASB